



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

P.O. Box 301
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MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District was held at the Whitewater Town Hall on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Carol Ducommun via Zoom, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, Jerry Grant. Rich Charts.

Others Present: Donna Sherman

Dan, motioned to approve the agenda as posted; seconded by Rich; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck motioned to approve the March 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes as well as the closed session minutes; seconded by Jerry; all in favor, motion passed.

Public Input: N/A

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mike – No Report

Finance: Dan presented March Expenses of \$33,164.83. Dan made a motion to approve March expenses. It was seconded by Jerry; all in favor, motion carried.

The final cost of chemical treatment will be determined after the following process: the DNR completes its survey of our lakes, followed by a recommendation from the treatment provider, review by the DNR, and final approval by our Board. The March expense is a down payment toward the final cost.

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District						April 10, 2024		Invoice Number
Transaction Date	Vendor	Check #	Amount	Description	GL #	Notes / GL Reference Account		
3/14/24	Donna Sherman	x 3971	\$200.00	March retainer	6020	Clerical Services		
3/14/24	Southern Lakes	x 3972	\$29.95	February agenda posting	6010	Advertising & Notices Expense		
3/14/24	Duick & Company	x 3973	\$715.00	Nov & Dec	6750	Legal and Professional services		
3/14/24	Carol Ducommun	x 3974	\$221.00	Conference registration	6910	Meetings & Conventions		
3/14/24	Lake and Pond Solutions	x 3975	\$30,000.00	Down payment for weed treatment	7460	Chemical treatment		
3/14/24	Casey's	x EFT	\$3.38	transaction fee	6200	Bank charges		
3/27/24	Casey's	x EFT	\$1,995.50	Xylem water tester kit	Capital	Capital: water test kit		
			\$33,164.83					

Weed Harvesting: Carol had a Teams call with Heidi Bunk of the DNR and Brian Lemke, of Kettle Moraine State Forest, Southern Unit, regarding our weed dump site on Hwy P. Brian would prefer we not use that specific site, but we could continue to do so this year if we place the weeds on the south side of the property. The State team that conducts controlled burns is concerned about piling dried weeds on the north side of that DNR property. Brian also prefers that we dump our piles close together so the State Forest can create a compost pile. We are researching the use of the three additional dump sites in our approved Aquatic Management Plan.

Chemical: Mike, no new updates other than permits have been posted and issued. The first barley straw bags were installed on Rice Lakes in two locations, with another round scheduled in May and again in June. Mike noted the third location is a controlled site no straw will be placed there.

Bog Removal: Rich mentioned the notice for our bog permit was sent to the newspaper; once the affidavit from the paper is received by the DNR, there is a 30-day waiting period to register any objections. The length of the permit will not be known until any objections are reviewed by the DNR and the permit is granted. Other lakes in our area doing bog removal are Lake Lorraine and Pell Lake.

Equipment: Chuck mentioned a day-long safety training seminar by Aquarius on May 10 in the Dells. We are going to ask Scott and our crew to attend. We need State Park vehicle stickers for our crew; Dan will get information from Scott and pick them up from the Eagle DNR office. The new 7' harvester has about 2-3 weeks left of assembly. Chuck and any available board members will go to preview.

Navigator Team updates:

Fish Stocking: No Report.

Wildlife Management: No Report.

Safety: No Report

Audit: No Report

Water Quality: No Report

Launch Monitoring: No Report

Lakeshore Management: No Report

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Carol is attending the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point this week. Bob Szcinski, who introduced himself at the March meeting and is interested in running for the open commissioner spot in August, attended for the day on Thursday. One of the speakers on the Thursday Keynote Panel, Mary Ellen Vollbrecht, a long-time and now retired DNR leader, spoke highly from podium of the Whitewater Rice Lakes Management District and its formation in the 1980's.

Carol made a motion to adjourn to closed session per WI 19.85(1) (e) to deliberate the purchase of public property @ 6:40 PM; seconded by Jon; motion passed with a roll call vote: Carol Ducommun, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, Jerry Grant, and Rich Charts.

7:33PM open session resumed.

Jerry made a motion to proceed as discussed in closed session seconded by Rich all in favor motion carried.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: Carol said the next meeting date to May 9, 2024.

Adjournment: Rich made a motion to adjourn @ 7:35 PM Chuck seconded all in favor motioned carried meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk